



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-569-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Nakayama et al.)

Serial No.: 09/724,915)

Before the Examiner: D. Romeo

Filed: November 28, 2000)

Group Art Unit: 1647

For: Chordin-Like Molecules
and Uses Thereof)

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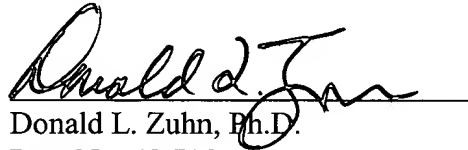
PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed March 19, 2003. A check including the amount of \$930.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,
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